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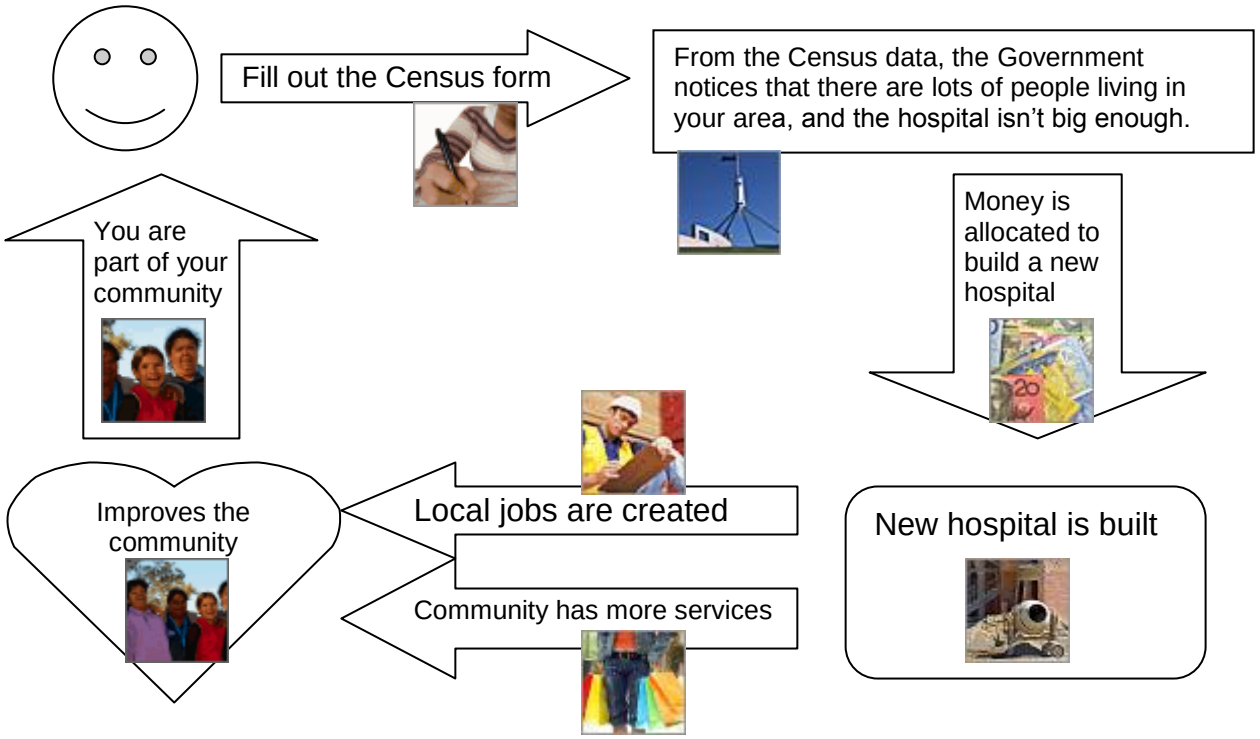
Why should I be involved in Census?

Census affects your community and your community's decisions. Such as

- ✓ Neighbourhood Improvements (build new roads and shops)
- ✓ Public Health (Where to build hospitals, and specialised facilities such as kidney dialysis)
- ✓ Education (Where to build schools and job training centres)
- ✓ Transport
- ✓ Where to provide services for the elderly

Census affects your voice in Federal, State and Local Government

- ✓ The number of seats each state and territory has in the House of Representatives is also based on Census figures
- ✓ Federal funding arrangements to the states and territories.
- ✓ Allocation of GST revenue to the states and territories.


Fill out the Census form
From the Census data, the Government notices that there are lots of people living in your area, and the hospital isn't big enough.
Money is allocated to build a new hospital
New hospital is built
Local jobs are created
Community has more services
Improves the community
You are part of your community

Task:

1. Look at the flow chart above. Write a short paragraph describing what this flow chart is showing.
2. You live in a small town that has many children that all have to catch a bus to the nearest large town to go to school. Create a flow chart of the effects, on you and your community, of filling out a Census form, and the Government looking at the data and realising there are lots of children living in your small town.
3. Select your own topic from the list above, and create another flow chart showing the effects, on you and your community, of filling out a Census form.

2011 Census: About the Census http://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/censushome.nsf/home/what?opendocument&navpos=110
Why is Census Important? http://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/censushome.nsf/home/whatdetails?opendocument&navpos=110